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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the Annual Report of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1968

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R.C. WEBSTER, B.Sc., M.D., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.C.H., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector:

J.L. PALK, M.A.P.H.I.

Clerk:

R. CUNLIFFE.

Health Department,

Council Offices,

CHURCH.

September, 1969.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Church Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mesdames and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Administration of the Urban District of Church, for the year ending 31st December, 1968.

One can see that the vital statistics for the town are very satisfactory, and all the more so since this is an industrial district and in the northern half of the country where climatic conditions are not always favourable.

During the year, as always, I have found the greatest profit from co-operation with Mr. Palk, you Senior Public Health Inspector, and, as always, I have been impressed by his close knowledge of all conditions in the Urban District. Together we have carried out a number of inspections with a view to dealing with what is undoutedly the major problem of the district - one of housing.

I thank, you - Mr. Chairman, and the Committee, for your continued friendly help and support throughout the year.

I am,

Yours obediently,

R.C. WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

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	107	57	50
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	1	-	1

Total Registered Births.

Total Registered Births, 1968	107
Total Registered Births, 1967	90

Live Birth Rate.

* For the year 1968 per 1000 estimated population ...	18.4
For the year 1967	15.4
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Total Registered Deaths	Males	Females	Total
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1967	34	28	62

Crude Death Rate

For 1968 per 1,000 estimated population	12.9
For 1967	10.6
Mean for 5 years 1963 - 1967	12.8
Corrected death rate (comparability factor 1.22)	15.7
England and Wales, 1968	11.9

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

1968	Legitimate	Illegtimate	Total
Male	-	-	-
Female	1	-	1
1967			
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Female	2	-	2

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of Age

All infants per 1,000 live births 1968	9
All infants per 1,000 live births, 1967	44.0

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

1968	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total
Male	-	-	-
Female	-	-	-
1967			
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1967			
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Female	1	-	1

Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 1968	Nil
" " " " " " " " 1967	22.0
Early Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1968	Nil
" " " " " " " " " 1967	22.0
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births, 1968	9
" " " " 1,000 total births, 1967	43.0

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CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	Age in years 1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms, Etc.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Hypertensive Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	3	3
	F	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	9
Other forms of Heart Disease	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Pneumonia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital Anomalies	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other Accidents	M	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total All Causes	M	39	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	7	4	14	12
	F	36	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	7	8	17

PREVALENCE OF CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, 1968.

The numerical and age incidence of infectious diseases is shown in the following table:-

Notifiable Disease	Total cases at all ages	Total Cases Notified — Age Period - Years										Total Deaths.
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25 & over	Age unknown	
Measles	11	-	1	4	2	3	-	1	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
		0-	5-	15-	45-	65 and over	Unknown					
Tuberculosis Respiratory	2	-	-	1	-	1	-					1
Meninges & C.N.S.	1	-	-	1	-	-	-					-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					-
Total	16	-	-	2	-	1	-					1

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS),1952

Tuberculosis

Cases of tuberculosis were admitted to various Sanatoria under the Regional Hospital Board. The Tuberculosis scheme in administered by the Lancashire County Council and Regional Hospital Board and the Public Health Department is notified of housing conditions and environment generally. Necessary disinfection is carried out by the Public Health Department.

TABLE 11

No. of Persons on Register 31st December, 1968.									
Total Cases	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
15	9	4	13	2	-	2	11	4	15

There is no evidence of excessive incidence of or mortaility from tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the district.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

No action has been necessary under the above regulations, which concern workpeople, suffering from tuberculosis, in the milk trade.

Public Health Act, 1936, Section 172.

Removal to hospital of infectious persons suffering from tuberculosis of the respiratory tract.

No action was necessary.

Disinfection after Infectious Disease.

Rooms of houses were disinfected during the year by means of spraying with a disinfectant.

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47.

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of attention.

No action was necessary.

The following sections of the Report, viz :-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA
including PUBLIC CLEANSING, HOUSING
and INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF
FOOD

have been prepared

by

MR. J.L. PALK, Public Health Inspector

(Cert. S.I.Bd., Cert. R.S.I. Meat
and Other Foods,
Cert. R.S.I. Smoke Inspector)

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

The water is obtained from moorland catchment area and deep wells, and supplied by the Calder Water Board, Burnley.

Water is supplied from the public mains direct to all houses and the supply is considered generally satisfactory in respect of both quality and quantity throughout the area.

Closet Accommodation.

No. of movable ashbins and paper sacks	2216
No. of pail closets	1
No. of fresh water closets	2418
No. of waste water closets	598
No. of houses which have no separate closet accommodation	49
No. of houses not on water carriage system	1

Closet Conversions.

No. of waste water closets to fresh water PHA.1936	14	
H.A.1949-54	3	17

The cost of this unsavoury work is rising and the Council's contribution to the conversion has been increased to £15.

Waste Water Closets and Drains.

153 complaints of choked waste water closets and drains have been attended to by Local Authority workmen. Although 124 were cleansed 29 were referred to the owners for cleansing and repair.
17 waste water closets were abolished during the year.

Unfortunately although the number of Waste Water Closets is reduced by (a) demolition of unfit houses, and (b) conversion by owners, progress is very slow. Too many people accept this obsolete insanitary appliance as part of the normal standard of living.

The number was reduced by 30 during the year and at that rate of progress the 1980's will be reached before the last one is abolished.

Sewerage Disposal.

The sewage disposal works are situate at Coppy Clough, Church, and the effluent from Accrington M.B. and Church U.D., after treatment by the Accrington & Church Outfall Sewerage Board, is discharged into the River Hyndburn.

Additional means of disposal has been commenced by spraying sludge on to farmland adjoining the works.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no baths or pools within the district.

Schools.

There are four schools within the district - all denominational, three of which are more than 50 years old. The standards of these premises cannot be said to be equal to those of the present day. In one school the sanitary accommodation for the boys requires improving.

AIR POLLUTION.

In this small urban district the procedure set out in four Acts of Parliament is followed to ensure that the inhabitants are able to enjoy clean air as follows :-

a) Clean Air Act, 1956 -	to control industrial and domestic smoke
b) Clean Air Act, 1958 -	to amend and improve the 1956 Act
c) Public Health Act, 1936 -	to control the emission of offensive odours from industrial plant
d) Alkali, etc. Works Regulation Act, 1906 as extended by Alkali et. cWorks Orders 1928 - 1963. -	to maintain contact with H.M. Alkali etc. Works Inspector in regard to certain industrial works

(a) Clean Air Act, 1956.

I. Industrial Smoke.

Observations of factory chimneys were carried out. Generally a satisfactory standard prevails.

II. Domestic Smoke.

No.5 Area. Part of St. James' Ward.

The prompt canvassing and salesmanship of the North Western Gas Board and National Coal Board induced many householders to convert their fireplaces immediately, although the Order does not come into operation until September, 1969.

III. Details of Smoke Control Areas.

a) No. of orders submitted to Ministry during year	0
b) No. of orders confirmed by Ministry during year	0
c) Total number of orders in force at end of year	4
d) No. of houses and other buildings involved in	
(a)	0
(b)	0
(c)	1069

d) Public Health Act, 1936.

During the summer months at certain times an offensive odour is emitted from a factory where the trade of fat melting is carried on.

The improved method of cooking the fat has reduced the amount of offensive odour liberated to atmosphere, but the plant is not free from breakdown.

e) Alkali etc. Works Regulations Act, 1906, as extended by Alkali etc. Works Orders 1928 - 1963.

Although factories coming within the scope of this legislation are not situate within the district, the condition of the atmosphere is affected detrimentally by manufacturers situate outside the district. The energies of the other local authorities and the H.M. Alkali etc. Inspector are directed to obtain improvements.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960.

(i) Number of complaints investigated 1

(ii) Details of formal action taken 0

Road Breakers.

The noise nuisance from air compressors and drills during the process of opening up roads is difficult to abate. Legislation prohibiting the use of these unsilenced appliances after a certain date as enacted in Clean Air Legislation would in my opinion bring about a definite improvement.

PUBLIC CLEANSING 1968-69

Refuse Removal.

A complete weekly service providing 52 collections was attained for the seventh year in succession. However, there is immense difficulty in retaining labour for this dirty, arduous work which has to be performed in all weathers.

Provision of Dustbins.

The maintenance of dustbins in this district is a Local Authority responsibility, and this factor will be exceedingly useful in the event of any change in the type of refuse receptacle.

Refuse Disposal.

Domestic refuse and certain other refuse is disposed of at the tip at Far Holmes in accordance with the best available method. This form of sanitary disposal of refuse is dependant upon a plentiful supply of suitable cover such as furnace ashes and dust.

Additional ash, etc. has been obtained for covering material by using a portion of the old tip.

The present land, which is used for tipping, previously belonged to Oswaldtwistle U.D.C. Their sewage beds are provided with ash, clay and soil which can be used for cover, but the maintenance of good roads in wet weather causes some difficulty, and damage to vehicles.

The stream, Tinker Brook, adjoins the tip and regular cleansing and dredging is necessary to confine the stream to its bank.

Salvage

The separation of salvable material from household and factory refuse has continued throughout the year.

The following is a summary of materials collected and sold:-

	T.	C.	Q.	£.	s.	d.
Waste paper	116	13	1	881	4	3
Textiles	2	4	3	39	1	6
Ferrous Metal	3	19	0	26	9	6
	122	17	0	946	15	3

The amount of salvage sold continues to play an important part in the refuse collection and disposal accounts.

Cost Statement

Year ended 31st March, 1968-69.

S U M M A R Y

Item	Particulars	Collection	Disposal	Total
	Revenue Account - Gross Expenditure	£	£	£
1.	1. Labour	3122	750	3872
	2. Transport	2248	134	2382
	3. Plant, Equipment, Land & Building	494	2698	3192
	4. Other items	-	-	-
	5. Total Expenditure	5864	3582	9446
2.	Income		1456	1456
3.	Nett Cost	5864	2126	7990
	Unit Costs	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
4.	Gross cost per Ton. Labour only	36. 72.	8. 82.	45. 55.
5.	Gross cost per Ton. Transport only	26. 44.	1. 58.	28. 02.
6.	Nett cost all expenditure per ton.	68. 99.	25. 01.	94. 00.
		£	£	£
7.	Nett cost per 1,000 population	1099	366	1375
8.	Nett cost per 1,000 premises	2646	959	3605

9.	Area in acres	528
10.	Population 30. 6.68	5810
11.	Estimated total refuse collected (tons.)	1700
12.	Estimated weight per 1,000 population (cwts.) per day (365 to year)	16.0
13.	No. of premises from which refuse is collected	2216
14.	Average haul etc. (miles)	.5
15.	No. of emptyings during year.	52
16.	Average weekly cost of emptying one bin	12.2 1d.
17.	Average weekly cost of disposal of contents of one bin	4.4 2d.

FACTORIES.

The number of factories on the register in accordance with the provisions of the Factory Act, 1961, is 31 Power.

Power Factories.

24 inspections were carried out in respect of sanitary accommodation.

Outwork.

The number of persons employed as outworkers in accordance with Section 133 was 3.

SANITARY INSPECTION, 1968.

Number of premises visited	2455
Defects or nuisances discovered	620
Defects or nuisances abated	568
Number of Notices served - (a) Informal	385
(b) Statutory	7
Legal proceedings...	0

CLASSIFICATION OF INSPECTIONS.

Inspection of District	50
Houses - Complaints and re-visits	510
Interviews - Owners and property repairers ...	180
Choked waste water closets and drains	160
New drains	6
Conversion of waste water closets	25
Dust Bins	85
Refuse removal and disposal	310
Salvage	85
Street Cleansing	125
Public Conveniences	30
Carried Forward	1566

CLASSIFICATION OF INSPECTIONS (Continued)

Brought Forward	1566
Factories	24
Food and Drugs Act - Food preparing and retail premises, viz :-	
Meat pies and sausage; bakehouse; cafe kitchens and canteens; grocers; confectioners; butchers; fried fish and licensed premises	80
Offices and Shops	28
Atmospheric pollution -	
investigations and interviews	10
observations - industrial	30
observations - domestic	26
smoke control areas-inspections and interviews ..	200
Offensive trade	24
Infectious diseases and food poisoning	5
Dirty and/or verminous premises	0
Rodent control	10
Council houses - Tenancies, inspection and interviews (estimated)	250
Sundry inspections	80
Rodent control - Operator's visits	70
Petroleum Acts	6
Miscellaneous	46
	2455

IMPROVEMENT EFECTED.

Dwelling Houses:-

Roofs	7
Guttors	3
Downspouting	2
Windows - sash cords	-
Windows - repairs	1
Ceiling plaster	2
Wall plaster	-
Floors	2
Doors	-
Internal walls waterproofed	2
External walls	-
Chimney stacks and flues	-
Waste water closets and drains	137
Water Closets	1
Dust bins	75
Dust bin lids	20
Cleansed and/or vermin destroyed	-
Sinks and waste pipes	-
Miscellanceous	4
Water supply, insufficient & leaking ipipes, etc.	-
Defects found - houses closed	200
Food premises - wash basins and sinks, etc. ...	5
Offices and Shops	-
Rats and Mice - treatment	55
Factories	-
Clean Air Act - industrial	-
Clean Air Act - smoke control	46
Refuse deposits	6
	568

RODENT CONTROL.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The rodent control scheme has continued throughout the year with much success.

Treatment has been carried out using the methods as recommended by the Directorate of Infestation Control.

During the year free treatment to dwelling houses was given by the Local Authority.

Fifty-five treatments against rodents were carried out as follows . The number is an increase over that of the previous year.

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
(a) No. of properties in district	2595	4
(b) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	55	-
(c) No. of (b) infested by -		
rats	35	
mice	20	
(d) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	0	
(e) No. of (d) infested by -		
rats	0	
mice	0	

Two treatments of the sewers have been carried out, which in my opinion, play a large part in reducing the rat population of the district; and defective drains, which were permitting egress of rats, have been remedied.

HOUSING.

(a) HOUSING STATISTICS

1. Number of new houses erected during the year :-

	Houses	Flats
(i) By the local authority	-	14
(ii) By other local authorities	-	-
(iii) By other bodies or persons	-	-

2. Total No. of dwellings owned by any local authority existing in district at end of year 445

3. Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year :-

(i) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 150

(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose 200

(c) No. of dwelling houses in (a) above, found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit 21

(ii) Total No. of dwelling houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which :-

a) Demolition Orders have been made (at any time) 66

b) Demolition of Closing Orders have not yet been made 7

4. Houses Demolished.

In Clearance Areas.	Houses Demolished	Displaced during Year Persons	Displaced during Year Families
(i) Houses unfit for human habitation	22	27	11
(ii) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
(iii) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas.			
(iv) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(v) L.A. owned houses certified unfit by the M.O.H.	-	-	-
(vi) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	-	-	-
(vii) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	-	-	-

5. Unfit Houses Closed.	Number	Displaced during Year Persons	Displaced during Year Families
(i) under Sections 16(4),17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act,1957	14	13	5
(ii) under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(iii) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

6. Unfit Houses made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied.

(i) By owner after informal action by local authority		9
(ii) After formal action under Sec.9 and Sec.16 of the Housing Act, 1957	(a) owner	0
	(b) by local authority	0
(iii) After formal notice under Public Health Acts		0
(iv) After modification or revocation of a clearance order under Sec. 21 of the Housing Act, 1961		0
(v) After determination of a demolition order under Sec.24 of the Housing Act, 1957		0
(vi) After determination of a closing order under Sec. 27 of the Housing Act, 1961		0

7. Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)
No action necessary.

8. Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-	No.of Houses (1)	No.of occupants of houses in Column(1) (2)
Houses in proposed Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased during the year	9	18

9. Housing Act, 1949, Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, Improvement Grants etc.

Action during year :-	No.of dwellinghouses or other buildings affected in schemes of: Private bodies or Individuals	Local Authority
(i) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority	1	-
(ii) Approved by Local Authority	1	-
(iii) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry	3	-
(iv) Finally approved by Ministry	3	-
(v) Work completed	2	-
(vi) Additional separate dwellings included in (v) above	-	-
(vii) Any other action taken under the Act (give brief particulars)	-	-

10. House Purchase & Housing Acts, 1959, Housing Acts, 1961 and 1964 - Standard Grants

(i) Applications submitted to local authority for improvements to (a) full standard 20
(b) reduced standard -

(ii) Total applications approved by local authority to (a) full standard 23
(b) reduced standard -

(iii) Work completed 17

(iv) Particulars of any action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings -

11. Housing Conditions.

(i) Approximate number of back to back houses 12
(ii) Approximate number of back to earth houses -
(iii) Approximate number of other houses without through ventilation 5

12. Moveable dwellings and caravan sites -

13. Fitness of Houses.

(i) No. of houses which have not a satisfactory internal water supply - Not known - believed to be a few hundred

(ii) No. of houses which have no separate closet accommodation 49

Unfit Houses - Housing Act, 1957 Pt. 111.

A. Chapel Ward

In the district through which the Leeds and Liverpool Canal winds its way is situate a major portion of the town's industries, together with the greatest number of unfit houses, mostly built about 100 years ago at a density of about 40 houses to the acre. These houses generally lack a horizontal damp proof course, have waste water closets and a water supply insufficient for modern needs.

B. St. James Ward.

3 - 9 Church Street. 3 - 9 Back Church Street.

The demolition of these 8 back to back houses awaits the building of one bedroom accommodation.

1 -17 St. James Road.

These house should be represented in 1969.

C. Elmfield Ward

The 13 houses in the Mill Street Clearance Area should be demolished in 1969.

D. Individual Unfit Houses.

The policy of paying compensation in advance of Compulsory Purchase continues, and plays an important part of our work.

The provision of houses.

14 one bedroom flats were completed in March, 1968. Unfortunately the programme of building is such that no accommodation will be received during the following year and with little liklihood of many before the Winter of 1970/71.

The clearance of houses and that of derelict property will be held up if accommodation is not found immediately.

The purchase of an increased number of houses with modern facilities or those without, in order that they may be installed, may be the solution of the problem as also they are let at a rental more in keeping with the demand.

During the past year 25 tenancies, which is approximately 50% of the houses and 1 bedroom accommodation were allocated to persons from Clearance Areas.

E. Modernisation of Houses.

The number of Applications for standard grant amenities bathroom grants - received is small.

CHIEF SANITARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT

Housing:

(1) The demolition of many unfit houses
(2) The improvement of houses without 5 standard amenities, with a life of 15 years.
(3) The conversion of waste water closets.
(4) The achievement of a cleaner atmosphere.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supply

Action taken with regard to the administration of the Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations.

a) The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960.

These regulations are administered by the Lancashire County Council.

b) Raw Milk. No action necessary.

2. Meat and other Foods.

a) There are no Slaughter Houses within the district.

80 inspections were carried out at food shops and vehicles, and I am pleased to report that on occasions where it has been necessary to draw the attention of the occupiers to contraventions, improvements were effected.

b) Number of Food Premises, indicating type of business in the district at the end of the year:-

General grocers and provisions dealers	23
Greengrocers & Fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game,etc.)	4
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry game, etc.)	0
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe,etc.)	4
Bakers and/or confectioners	5
Fried fish shops	7
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream, etc.	7
Licensed premises, clubs,canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars & similar catering establishments.	21
Others	5
	76

2. Meat and Other Foods cont.d.

c) No special examinations of food stocks or consignments were required during the year.

d) A small quantity of condemned food was buried at the Local Authority's controlled refuse tip.

e) Food poisoning. No cases of food poisoning were reported.

3. Adulteration of Foods

This Local Authority is not a Food and Drugs Authority, and the work of carrying into execution and enforcing the section of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

a) Which relates to the composition of food and drugs.

b) Which relates to additions not be made to milk and liquids to be sold as milk;

and together with certain Orders and Regulations, with a view to securing that food and drugs are sold only in a pure and genuine condition, is performed by the County Council.

4. Number of Food Premises, by type, registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Sale of Ice Cream 8

Manufacture of Sausages and Potted Mead and Meat Pies 4

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health:-

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written notices (4)	Number of Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authorities	31	24	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Sec 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	1	1	-	-
TOTAL	32	25	-	-

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found:-

Particulars (1)	No. of cases in which defects were found. Found (2)	Remedied To H.M. Inspector (3)	Remedied by H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (5)	No. of cases in which presecutions were instituted. (6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

3. Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

Section 133					Section.134	
Nature of Work (1)	No. of outworkers in Aug.list reqd. by Sec. 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices Served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Iron and Steel cables and chains	3	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

This legislation which came into force on the 1st August, 1964, is designed to improve the safety, health and welfare facilities of the above mentioned premises.

The number of premises on the register is as follows:-

Offices	5
Retail Shops	15
Wholesale Shops	3
Catering establishments open to the public	5
Fuel storage depots	1

Some of the premises are visited in the course of inspection carried out under the requirement of other legislation.

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